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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 09/14/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the Koo reference is not prior art for the present application given that the instant application claims foreign priority on a French application and a European application , both in French language. In order to remove Koo as prior art as requested by the applicant, an English language translation needs to be provided to perfect a foreign priority filing date, as set forth on MPEP 706.02 (b).

Therefore, the examiner respectfully believes that the Koo reference is still prior art and maintains the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims **1-7, 9-13, 15-18, 21 and 25** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benardeau et al. (hereinafter 'Benardeau', Patent No. 6,904,522, which is of record) in view of Koo et al. (hereinafter 'Koo', Pub. No. 2004/0123313).

Regarding claims 1 and 13, Benardeau teaches a system for receiving broadcast digital data comprising:

a master digital terminal **(12, Fig. 4; col. 12 lines 46-55)** and at least one slave digital terminal **(50, Fig. 4; col. 12 lines 56-62)** adapted to generally simultaneously receive protected digital data from a transmitter **(col. 8 lines 1-10; col. 12 lines 56-62; col. 13 lines 29-33; col. 14 lines 51-59)**, the at least one slave digital terminal being connected to the master terminal by a link **(51, Fig. 4)**,

Although Benardeau teaches that the master terminal provides the slave terminal with the information necessary for accessing said protected digital data within a predetermined deadline (col. 13 lines 11-38; col. 11 line 54- col. 12 line 8; col. 14 line 48- col. 15 line 32; where the predetermined deadline is the validity period or life of the Kex and/or CW. The master device has to send the CW to the slave before its validity changes. Or, when the CW is sent to the slave, it's encrypted with a Ks- a session key- that's generated by the slave. This key also has a predetermined time, col. 14 lines 16-24. Without the Ks, no encryption would be possible to transmit CW and no reception of the information necessary for accessing the content would be safely received, which goes against the principle of having a safe link), Benardeau does not explicitly teach having the slave digital terminal to receive a message from a transmitter instructing to said at least one slave digital terminal to delete stored information necessary for accessing said protected digital data, to request, after receiving the message, new information necessary for accessing said protected digital data from its repository, and

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that the slave awaits a predetermined deadline counted from a transmission of the request.

However, in an analogous art, Koo teaches a system for updating keys in DCATV conditional access system (at least, title), where a message is sent to all the terminals indicating to delete an old key (404, Fig. 4, 705, Fig. 7 or 805, Fig. 8; where the transmitter sends an EMM to indicate that key needs to be updated or deleted; [0038]; [0052]; [0054]; [0058]), . The terminal requests a new key from the repository of the new key (407, Fig. 4; 703, 804; Figs. 7 and 8, respectively; [0048]) and has to wait for the update of the key within a predetermined amount of time for sending a confirm-message of key change (509, 709, 810, Figs. 5, 7 and 8, respectively; [0045]; [0055]; [0059]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Bernardeau's invention with the reception of a delete message and a predetermined deadline waited by the terminal for sending a confirmation message as taught by Koo for the benefit of reminding the terminal that expiration time of the key is close to end and to send a confirmation message to the repository of the updating key to inform that the key was successfully changed within a predetermined amount of time for not giving time for the key to be hacked.

Regarding claim 2, Benardeau and Koo teach a system, wherein the information necessary for accessing the protected data which is received by the master digital terminal originates from a data broadcasting system (**41, Fig. 3; col. 11 lines 54-65**).

Regarding claim 3, Benardeau and Koo teach a system wherein said information for accessing the data received by the master digital terminal is transformed before being sent to the slave digital terminal (**col. 3 lines 24-29, lines 52-61; col. 14 line 60- col. 15 line 32**).

Regarding claims 4 and 6, Benardeau and Koo teach a system, in which the transformation comprises a descrambling of said information in the master digital terminal, the descrambling being performed with the aid of keys received beforehand by the master digital terminal of the broadcasting system (**Kex, used to descramble CW is received in advance by terminal 12, col. 13 lines 11-38; col. 14 line 60- col. 15 line 32**).

Regarding claim 5, Benardeau and Koo teach a system, wherein the information necessary for accessing the protected data, which is received by the master digital terminal, originates from the slave digital terminal, is transformed before being resent to the slave digital terminal (**CW can be sent to the master device or originated from the slave for further descrambling at the master and being sent back to the slave, col. 14 line 51- col. 15 line 32**).

Regarding claim 7, Benardeau and Koo teach a system, in which the protected digital data comprise television services scrambled by keys and in which the information necessary for accessing said data belongs to the set comprising:

- a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal **(ECM is sent to slave, and checked by master for slave's rights, col. 9 lines 25-51; col. 14 lines 51-65);**

- a message containing parameters for extracting from the data stream received by the slave digital terminal a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal **(EMM monthly update of Kex, lets decipher the ECM that contains rights of slave and Control Word, col. 11 line 66- col. 12 line 8).**

- a message **(62, Fig.5)** containing partial information **(“KpubT” or 68, Fig. 5, partial information -one of the pair of keys needed to have communication after authentication)** enabling the slave digital terminal to reconstruct its access entitlement to the services **(Without the KpubT, no communication is possible and therefore the reconstruction of access entitlement –ECM- is consequently no possible);**

- a message containing keys for descrambling said protected digital data **(ECM containing Control Word, and EMM containing Kex update, which are used to descramble the protected content, col. 7 lines 3-9).**

Regarding claim 9, Benardeau and Koo teach a system in which the predetermined deadline is counted down from the dispatching by the broadcasting system of the data of a message to the master digital terminal **(It's the broadcasting**

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system which dispatches the Kex for giving rights for a predetermined period of time; therefore, for renewing it, the broadcasting system has to keep track or count down the remaining time of the Kex).

Regarding claims 10, Benardeau and Koo teach a system, in which the information necessary for accessing the protected data is sent from the master digital terminal to the slave digital terminal while being protected by enciphering using key shared by the two terminals **(col. 15 lines 4-32).**

Regarding claim 11, Benardeau and Koo teach a system in which the master digital terminal and slave digital terminal furthermore receive from the data broadcasting system a secret code **(Sprit and KpubT pair of keys, which are respectively received by master and slave, 64 and 68, Fig. 5) and,**

in which the master digital terminal sends said information necessary for accessing the data to the slave terminal only if it receives said secret code from the slave terminal within a second predetermined deadline counting down the receipt of the secret code by the master terminal **(When the CW is sent to the slave, it's encrypted with a Ks- a session key- that's generated by the slave. This key also has a predetermined time, col. 14 lines 16-24. Without the Ks, no encryption would be possible to transmit CW and no reception of the information necessary for accessing the content would be safely received, which goes against the principle of having a safe link).**

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Regarding claim 12, Benardeau and Koo teach a system in which the secret code received by the master digital terminal and by the slave digital terminal is scrambled with the aid of keys sent beforehand to said terminals by the data broadcasting system **(KpubT is encrypted with Ceriman, which is the pair of Clubman received by the slave receiver. The certificate that contains the encrypted KpubT and more, is encrypted using the exploitation key Kex, which is sent to the master device in advance; col. 13 line 53-col. 14 line 15).**

Regarding claims 15 and 16, Benardeau and Koo teach a system wherein the information necessary for accessing said protected data comprises a secret key **(Control Word used to descramble the content is a key, col. 7 lines 3-9; col. 14 line 51- col. 15 line 32).**

Regarding claims 17 and 18, Benardeau and Koo teach a system wherein the protected digital data is received via another link **(col. 12 lines 56-62).**

Regarding claim 21, Benardeau and Koo teach a system, wherein the slave decoder is adapted to block by longer accepting the information necessary for accessing said protected digital data from the master decoder **(The decoder that is adapted to block, not being able to display content, can be blocked by longer even if the information necessary for accessing said protected digital data –CW-**

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from the master is accepted. This happens when the Ks is not generated when the content is a pay per view film that has not been paid, col. 14 lines 16-24).

Regarding claim 25, Benardeau and Koo teach wherein the at least one slave digital terminal actively blocks by cancelling stored information necessary for access **(As one of ordinary skill in the art will immediately notice, when the new keys do not arrive to the slave before their validity time, the old or stored keys are not valid anymore and the presentation is blocked).**

4. Claims **19, 22, 26 and 27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benardeau et al. (hereinafter 'Benardeau', Patent No. 6,904,522, which is of record) in view of Koo et al. (hereinafter 'Koo', Pub. No. 2004/0123313) in further view of Akiyama (Pub. No. 2006/0212399).

Regarding claims 19, 22, 26 and 27, Benardeau and Koo teach a system for receiving broadcast digital data, comprising:

a master digital terminal **(12, Fig. 4; col. 12 lines 46-55)** and at least one slave digital terminal **(50, Fig. 4; col. 12 lines 56-62)** adapted to generally simultaneously receive protected data from a transmitter **(col. 8 lines 1-10; col. 12 lines 56-62; col. 13 lines 29-33; col. 14 lines 51-59)**, the at least one slave digital terminal being connected to the master terminal by a link **(51, Fig. 4)**,

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wherein said slave digital terminal can access said received protected digital data only if information necessary for accessing said protected digital data and received by the master digital terminal is sent by way of said link to the slave digital terminal within a predetermined deadline (**col. 13 lines 11-38; col. 11 line 54- col. 12 line 8; col. 14 line 48- col. 15 line 32; where the predetermined deadline is the validity period or life of the Kex and/or CW. The master device has to send the CW to the slave before its validity changes. Or, when the CW is sent to the slave, it's encrypted with a Ks- a session key- that's generated by the slave. This key also has a predetermined time, col. 14 lines 16-24. Without the Ks, no encryption would be possible to transmit CW and no reception of the information necessary for accessing the content would be safely received, which goes against the principle of having a safe link**),

wherein the information necessary for accessing said protected digital data (**The CW sent from the master to the slave device, col. 13 lines 11-38; col. 11 line 54- col. 12 line 8; col. 14 line 48- col. 15 line 32, which is encrypted with the session key Ks**) comprises filter parameters (**anything else not encrypted with the Ks, at that point, is filtered or can not be opened**) for extracting from the data stream received by the slave digital terminal a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal (**Included with the CW, and also encrypted with the Ks, messages of additional data with additional entitlements for the slave device are sent from the master device, col. 15 lines 4-25**).

On the other hand, Benardeau and Koo do not explicitly teach that the digital terminal comprises filters that use the filter parameters to extract the message containing the access entitlements.

However, in an analogous art, Akiyama teaches a receiving device that receives access information through a filter that separates incoming packet information based in two selection parameters: content or individual control information used for contract information certification. If the packets include individual control information, it is extracted in the following steps of the packets' processing ([120]-[0122]; [0125]-[0126]; [0160]; [0224]-[0227]; [0237]; [0248]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Benardeau and Koo's invention with Akiyama's filter for the benefit of having messages included in the content stream, and in this way, avoiding a tentative other channel for the reception of these messages.

5. Claims **23 and 24** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benardeau et al. (hereinafter 'Benardeau', Patent No. 6,904,522, which is of record) in view of in view of Koo et al. (hereinafter 'Koo', Pub. No. 2004/0123313) in view of Akiyama (Pub. No. 2006/0212399) in further view of Noble et al. (hereinafter 'Nobel', Patent No. 7,302,571).

Regarding claims 23 and 24, Bernardeau and Koo teach all the limitations of the claim it depends on. Although Bernardeau teaches having a deadline by which the

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receiver has to receive the information necessary for accessing encoding data (this predetermined deadline is the validity period or life of the Kex and/or CW, which is in terms of days), Bernardeau and Koo do not explicitly teach of another predetermined deadline different from the validity period and equal to a second.

However, in an analogous art, Akiyama teaches a system where out of two communicating devices that are exchanging key information, the one waiting for a response to a challenge from the other device, imposes an additional predetermined time during which the response needs to arrive. This additional deadline is imposed as another security measure and as a way to authenticate the other device (S408, Fig. 36; S422, Fig. 37; [0173]; [0188]; [0192]; [0197]). Therefore, if an intermediary time delay is added, the response would not arrive on time.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Bernardeau's invention with Akiyama's feature of receiving the response from a challenged device in a predetermined period of time for the benefit of having a authenticating the device that is being communicated.

Additionally, Benardeau and Akiyama teach the limitations as described above. On the other hand, they do not explicitly teach that the second deadline is one second.

However, in an analogous art, Noble teaches a method for making sure that two devices are close to each other within a specified radius, while exchanging keys, by imposing a response time of few times the roundtrip, which is determined to be one second (col. 7 lines 34-67; col. 9 lines 40-50; col. 11 lines 33-44).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified Bernardeau and Akiyama's invention with Noble's one second response for the benefit of not giving enough time for a physical attack and for ensuring that a device is within a specified range from the other.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OMAR PARRA whose telephone number is (571)270-1449. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-6 PM (M-F, every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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